

“Deck the Halls” Historical Home Tour

The gracious home of G. A Brown, founder of Arkansas Valley State Bank of Broken Arrow, is being presented to the community in a festive holiday open house by Brown’s granddaughter, Barbara Kimbrough and the Broken Arrow Historical Society.

The elegant two-story white frame and brick home is located at 219 East Dallas Street and is recognizable by anyone who has lived in Broken Arrow for any length of time. Since the home has not been inhabited for several years and has remained closed up, there will no doubt be many who will pay the \$5 admission price to see the interior of this lovely and historic home, particularly since the home will be adorned for Christmas.

The proceeds of the open house-tour will benefit the Broken Arrow Historical Society, which is raising funds for exhibits in its new facility. The new museum will be constructed at the corner of El Paso and Main on land donated by Arkansas Valley State Bank. Groundbreaking for the 9,000 square foot museum will take place in the second half of 2006.

Mr. Brown built the home about the same time he opened the bank in the brand new community of Broken Arrow, Indian Territory, in 1905.

Local florists are hard at work designing Christmas garlands, and all types of holiday decorative items that will adorn the home for the holiday tours and which will be for sale during the event. Visitors will enjoy Christmas music and can purchase home-baked goodies during their tour.

The open house-tour is scheduled for Sunday, November 27 and Sunday, December 4, from 1 to 5 p.m. each afternoon. Admission is \$5 per person at the door.